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REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION  
under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b) WITH SIGNED DECLARATION

PATENT  
APPLICATION

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**NONPROVISIONAL**

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of

Inventor: Olaf **MANCZAK, et al.**

Title: **"Symmetric Shared File Storage System"**

(Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975)

Our Order No. 98296/0269228 | 0269228

Atty. Docket Client # Matter #  
0269228 ZAM-005

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Date : December 5, 2000

including:

1. Specification: 31 pages including Title Page, Claims and Abstract
2. Declaration (3 pages) (Facsimile copy)
3. Drawings: 9 sheets (Formal) (Figs. 1-5, 6A-6D, and 7-8)
4. Non-Publication Request Under Rule 213(a) (1 page)
5. Attorney for Application hereby asserts Small Entity Status claim.
6. An Assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded Assignment to the undersigned.

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| 7. Basic Filing Fee .....  |    |            |   | \$710 / 355   | \$ 355.00 | 101/201 |
| 8. Total Claims:   | 18 | minus 20 = | 0 | x \$18/\$9 =  | + .00     | 103/203 |
| 9. Independent Claims:   | 3  | minus 3 =  | 0 | x \$80/\$40 = | + 0.00    | 102/202 |
| 10. If multiple dependent claim is present, add                      |    |            |   | + \$270/\$135 | + 0.00    | 104/204 |
| 11. TOTAL FILING FEE ENCLOSED =                                      |    |            |   | \$ 355.00     |           |         |
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